



March 15, 2010

The Honorable Harry Teague
U.S. Congress
1007 Longworth House Office Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Teague:

Subject: Amending the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977

An opportunity exists for New Mexico to resolve many of the legacy issues from the uranium-mining era that spanned the 1950s to the 1970s. Through an amendment to the Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act of 1977 (SMCRA), New Mexico can be able to use monies for non-coal reclamation projects and dedicate those funds to the clean-up of abandoned uranium mines. This clean-up would also help create sustainable jobs in New Mexico.

The Association of Commerce and Industry of New Mexico (ACI) supports the passage of federal legislation and encourages you and all the members of our delegation in Washington to seek passage of the SMCRA amendment.

ACI also supports the return of the uranium industry in New Mexico. Amending the SMCRA could bring renewed production, which would provide the state with a reliable source of revenue and help relieve New Mexicans from future tax burdens.

The members of ACI hope you agree to lend your support and influence to this effort.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Heather Quinn', is written over a horizontal line.

